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Velis Malaga

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Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1572 circa
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 19 x 6 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A 16th-century view of "Velis Malaga" by Braun & Hogenberg, this illustration was once part of a larger folio sheet that incorporated additional views. The rendering showcases the Spanish town of Vélez-Málaga with the Sierra Tejeda as its backdrop. Dominating the scene is the imposing Moorish castle, constructed in the 13th century, perched on a hill, underscoring the region's rich historical influences.

Braun's commentary on this view serves as an invaluable resource, shedding light on the town's geographical and historical context. He highlights the town's strategic location, situated a mere half a mile from the Mediterranean and in the vicinity of the main city, Málaga. The castle, with its ancient Moorish roots, stands as a testament to the town's historical layers.

The commentary further amplifies the unique geographical features of Vélez-Málaga. The surrounding mountains are cited as being so steep and high that one can glimpse the Herculean Sea, several towns in the Barbary Coast, and the African cities of Ceuta and Tangier. This implies the significant strategic vantage point the town held during this period.

Vélez-Málaga had a dynamic past. The town underwent various transformations, from Roman times to Moorish rule, and later under the reign of Ferdinand III. Presently, it stands as an integral part of the popular Costa del Sol, revealing a fascinating transition from a strategic fortress to a bustling tourist hub. This view by Braun & Hogenberg, therefore, is a valuable visual record of Vélez-Málaga's historical and geographical evolution.

Detailed Condition:

Single image from a folio sheet that was originally produced with an accompanying view of Vejer de la Frontera.